

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS.

Claims 1-7 (cancelled).

Claim 8 (currently amended) An applicator, comprising:

a stationary base member and needles fixed therein;

each of said needles ~~comprising~~ is T-shaped and comprises a base with a rod, a sharpened portion, and a head;

~~said needle bases being made of steel, copper, chromium, nickel, or silver, and being provided with a coat made of chromium, nickel, copper, or silver;~~

at least a portion of said needles being made with ~~solid~~ complete and/or partial coats;

in the case of partial coating of said needle bases, the areas close to said sharpened portions thereof are formed by at least two materials having different electrochemical potentials; and

needle bases and coats are made of chemical elements selected from a group ~~additionally including~~ comprising steel, copper, chromium, nickel, silver, cobalt, aluminum, magnesium, zinc, tin, titanium, vanadium, beryllium, gold, platinum, palladium, strontium, tellurium, and alloys and oxides thereof.

Claim 9 (currently amended) An applicator according to claim 8, wherein:

said needles are arranged in said applicator in such a way that adjacent needles ~~comprise different base and coat materials~~ differ in materials exposed to an epidermis of a user of said applicator.

Claim 10 (currently amended) An applicator for use in reflexotherapy comprising:
a stationary base member, and needles fixed therein;
each of said needles being T-shaped and comprising a rod, a sharpened portion, and a head;
at least a first portion of said needles being different from a second portion of said needles in
terms of materials said needles are made of and/or materials of coatings; and
said coatings on one of said portions of said needles being made partial, and including at least
two materials having different electrochemical potentials, to provide exposure to a surface of contact
between each such needle and an epidermis of a user of said applicator.

Claim 11 (previously presented) The applicator according to claim 10, wherein:

said coatings on a portion of said needles are made multi-layered.

Claim 12 (previously presented) The applicator according to claim 10, wherein:

said needles are disposed in said applicator in such way that adjacent needles differ in
materials exposed to the surface of contact areas thereof with said user's epidermis.

Claim 13 (previously presented) The applicator according to claim 11, wherein:

said needles are disposed in said applicator in such way that adjacent needles differ in
materials exposed to the surface of contact areas thereof with said user's epidermis.